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Blood clinic next week

An eager Count Dracula — known by day as Gregory Sarkisian, Law and Security program, — looms in the background as Jan Potten, psychology instructor and the Red Cross blood donor clinic's publicist, and John Saso, college president, look over an announcement for the blood donor clinic to be held Thursday, Nov. 15, in the gym from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Photo by Rich Douglas

Dental program may return to college

If John Saso, college president, has his way, Niagara College will bring back a major dental training program.

Mr. Saso's plan is "to explore the possibility of bringing back a major dental support training program to train 100-250 students. We need 70 students to break even on the dental program."

Mr. Saso plans to create a "different condition for a much larger auxiliary dental program area."

The present one-year Dental Assistant Program accommodates 19 students.

Auxiliary programs such as dental office administration and lab training would be "combined with health services to make one centre of excellence."

Mr. Saso has received support from the Welland Dental Society and Niagara Peninsula Dental Association. He will meet with the Ontario Dental Association Nov. 15.

Problems add to debt

Increased growth and unforeseen equipment costs have contributed to the nearly $1-million deficit the college is expected to have for the 1990-91 fiscal year.

Gary LaRose, controller and interim director of administrative services, said lab equipment purchases to meet higher student enrolment, and the cost of replacing faulty electrical wiring on college grounds, have had a negative effect on the college's finances.

While the student growth has been a burden in the short term, Mr. LaRose said increased funding from the province, and revenue from tuition, will be beneficial in the long run.

"It will take about two years to see the positive effects of the growth, but we're certainly glad to have it," he said. "Our intent is to see Niagara grow."

About $50,000 was spent replacing faulty electrical cables that were the cause of a blackout Sept. 11, which affected the college and parts of Welland. Those costs were unexpected and only added to the deficit, Mr. LaRose said.

The reorganization plan put forward by college president, John Saso, and approved by the Board of Governors Sept. 27, directly addresses the deficit problem, Mr. LaRose said. One of the positions, vice-president for community ventures, will be directly involved in apprenticeship and industrial upgrade programs that will raise money for the college and improve civic relations.

"The president felt this was the structure he needed to get the job done," Mr. LaRose said.

The new positions may be in place by the start of 1991.

Withdrawals average for common reasons

While students dropping their courses now will have their winter term tuition returned and half their parking fees, they won't be able to escape the academic penalty of having a grade registered on their transcripts.

John Parrett, registrar, said Nov. 5 was "last chance to withdraw from the college without receiving a grade in that course." Only under special circumstances can students now withdraw without being academically penalized, Mr. Parrett said.

Before the deadline on Monday, some 187 students dropped their courses of study, 157 of them, first-year students. Mr. Parrett said the first term is the most difficult for new students but that it "is the key for anybody to get through."

NO CHANGE

"The reasons they (the students) withdraw haven't changed in a 100 years," he said. Among the most common reasons given are illness and discouragement, but Mr. Parrett included the slow in economy as a reason since it has brought more students to the school to stay as the job market is low.

Since discouragement is such a large factor in course dropping, faculty advisers are being used to help students with their problems.

"We've made a concerted effort to counsel students and retain them," Mr. Parrett said. "Teachers have really put forth an excellent effort and it is paying off for the college, but it pays off more for students."

In 1989, the faculty strike resulted in a larger number of students dropping courses than usual — 367. "The faculty strike had a significant impact. We lost a lot of students — more than previously."

The 1990 fall term has had an average number of withdrawals in comparison with previous years, he said.

Contest a flop, none show

No one won the pumpkin carving contest.

Student Administrative Council's semi-annual contest failed to attract any participants. It was held Oct.31, in the cafeteria.

"I was there at 12:30 p.m. — but nobody showed up," Cory Abt, SAC president, said.

Cory said the poor turn-out could be attributed to a lapse in communication. The contest was not included in an agenda given to class representatives, who inform their classmates about events around the college. Fifteen of the 30 class reps attended the last meeting.

Contestants were required to carve a pumpkin at home and bring it to the college for judging.

The cash prizes will remain in the bank.

Planning new campus

The preliminary development stage has been reached for a new St. Catharines campus supported by the Board of Governors, John Saso, college president, and a number of staff.

The project has been under discussion for two years, Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of academics, said. It was announced last week at the Board of Governors meeting.

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities believes St. Catharines is large enough to have one campus and is encouraging the project, Mr. van der Slagt said.

Alternatives to building the new campus were considered. One was to renovate the present Wellandvale Road facility.

"The conversion was not feasible. It was too limiting in many ways," Mr. van der Slagt said. "There is not enough parking and there are only five acres to work with. There is little room for expansion."

The nursing facility, bricklaying facility, and a number of other programs off the Wellandvale campus, will become part of one central campus. The nursing program is keen to be part of the larger campus, Mr. van der Slagt said. Especially appealing is having the support services and facilities a larger campus will offer.

Most of the project's funding will come from the ministry, but financial participation will be encouraged from major St. Catharines industries, corporations and companies, he said.

The new campus is slated to be finished in the next two years. It is definitely part of the future, he said.

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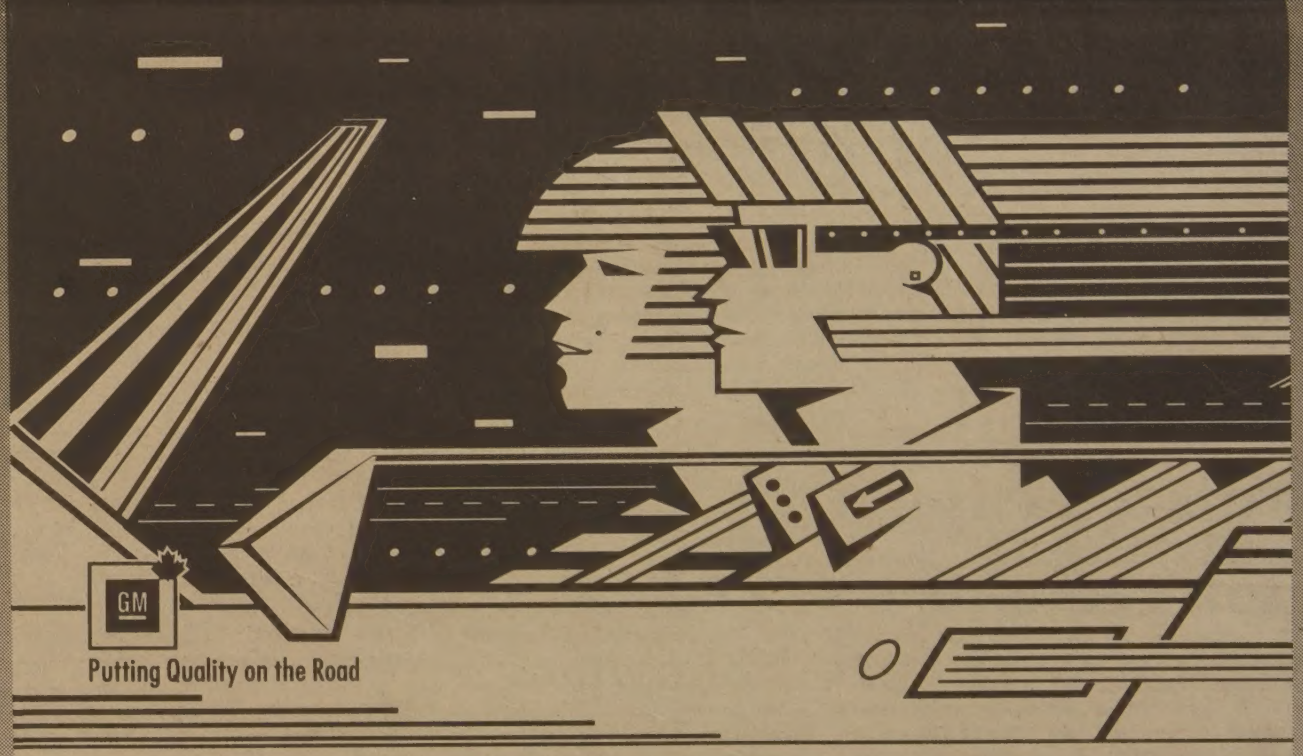

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Deloughery fills vacant SAC position

A first-year vocational student, active in student affairs, is the new Student Council internal affairs vice-president.

Dale Deloughery was selected by the Student Administrative Council last week for the post three weeks after SAC announced former internal vice-president Jim Acsai's departure from school. Dale was one of two final candidates selected from the 19 applications submitted to SAC.

"He's a really good guy," Cory Abt, SAC president said.. "He's been really involved in the SAC activities since the year started. He was involved with Shinerama, the pubs, and he's been to nearly every event that SAC has put on."

Dale is a 23-year-old Welland native who looks at his new position as a good way to meet people and to help SAC and Niagara students.

"My job is to talk to students about any problems they may have with SAC or the school," he said. "If I can help them, I will. If anyone has any requests or suggestions about what I can accomplish, I want them to please come talk to me."

Dale said he feels he is at a disadvantage because he didn't see first-hand how the student council worked before he was chosen.

"I'm reading the (SAC) Constitution right now, and I hope I'll do a good job by learning as I go along."

Dale said he views SAC as a good way to get back into school and get a feel for what the school needs. Contending school spirit is not good, he wants to know exactly what part he can play in improving it.

The internal vice-president is responsible for SAC's public relations and goodwill with the student body. He serves as a liaison to the college's administration, and ensures communication lines are kept open with all parts of the college.

Open forum on Vision

Students interested in the possibility of transferring credits earned from one college to another college may attend a Vision 2000 meeting Nov. 15.

Charles Pascal, chairman of the Ontario Council of Regents, will discuss future education changes in the Hamilton Room, Welland Campus, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Students, faculty and support staff from all campuses are invited to attend.

Vision 2000 is a report on the future of the Ontario college system and looks at ways to reduce the high drop-out rate.

Vision 2000 reports are available from George Repar, director, planning and development.

The transfer of credits between colleges is just one of 40 recommendations. Uniform graduation standards for colleges would allow students to mix and match courses from different institutions. The report suggests a link between colleges and universities to offer a combined college-university degree.

An unofficial exchange program between our school and High Peak College in England has provided students with the opportunity to study in a foreign country. Cathy Devay, left, went to England last year where she met Rachel Russell. This year it is Rachel's turn to visit Canada. They have both gained new perspectives about people, education and different cultures. Photo by Rich Douglas

Informal exchange provides education

By RICHARD DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

An informal exchange program between Niagara and High Peak College in Buxton, England, has proven to be a way for students to learn about living in different lands and experiencing different cultures.

Catherine Devay, a third-year hotel and restaurant administration student, had the opportunity to spend last year in England. This year, it is Rachel Russell's turn to come here.

It affords a student the opportunity to "go to school abroad and still qualify for your diploma here," Catherine said. "You have to be able to afford your airfare and your rent and everything over there."

John Peacock, co-ordinator of the hotel and restaurant administration program, helps to continue the exchange's tradition but does not assist the student beyond that. He allows the students to make their own bookings and travel plans to further service their education. Despite some mishaps, particularly with students coming here, none have been serious.

"It's like trying to get to China," Rachel said. "It took my parents a lot of work to get my student visa."

Cathy's visit started in August and lasted until June. She missed a month or so of classes as the English school year lasts until August. "Every six weeks there's a two week break or a week long break (which allows the students to visit home)," Cathy said. It accounts for the longer school year.

SYSTEMS DIFFER

Mr. Peacock said the English college system is different than a Canadian one. Students begin earlier and go to county run colleges free of charge. High Peak is the county college for Derbyshire county and is well known for its catering.

"I found it was like going back to high school because everyone was so young," Cathy said. "The curriculum is mostly the same as here, except theirs is a two-year course and ours is a three-year course."

Though the exchange has existed since 1976, more students from Niagara have gone to England than the reverse. Mr. Peacock said this is due to the difference in course lengths. For Niagara students, the time away is the second year of three. For the English students, who have already graduated their two-year course, coming here is seen as an additional year. Many do not want to complete another year of school, preferring to enter the workforce. It explains why 24 Niagara students have visited London versus the 14 English students who have travelled here.

"It's too much of a good opportunity to pass by," Rachel said. "I was good friends with Catherine last year and she told me about Canada. It sounded really good. The facilities here are excellent. I can't believe it...In England we have all the facilities, but obviously this is a new college so it's all updated."

UNIQUE CHANCE

As a cultural exchange, the program has allowed both Cathy and Rachel a unique chance to live in another country.

Cathy and a friend did a lot of touring. "We took off for London, we took off for Europe. We got through France on my Grade 10 French."

The two took the hovercraft and were able to see the Continent by car.

"We landed in Calais. We went all the way through there, took a wrong turn, ended up in Luxembourg, took a wrong turn in Luxembourg, ended up in Belgium and took another wrong turn there and ended up back in Luxembourg."

Rachel, here for two months now, is still getting used to the country. "Everthing's bigger than it is in England.

Give generously

Roll up sleeves for blood clinic

The program year, with the highest percentage of donors willing to roll up their sleeves can win the Corpsuckle Cup and help the Red Cross blood clinic, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., towards its 300 pint goal.

"I urge students to support the clinic mainly because they can't give money to charities, but they can give the gift of life, a part of themselves — blood," Eugene Maltais, political science instructor and president of the Welland Red Cross branch, said.

Mr. Maltais created the Corpsuckle Cup competition here. The winning program year, with the highest percentage of donating students has its name put on the Corpsuckle Cup trophy and receives a small shield to be kept in their program area.

"Before we started the cup, the clinic was so poorly attended that we had to bus in students from E.L. Crossley High School," Mr. Maltais said. "With the cup, we have been able to have extremely good clinics of our own here."

The Corpsuckle Cup has been won by the ambulance and emergency care program for the past seven years, Jan Potton, a psychology instructor at the college and the clinic's publicist, said.

Mrs. Potton said that from the Law and Security program "we got tremendous support because they are generally interested in fitness and health." Last year they donated one-third of the total amount of blood collected.

DONOR GUIDLINES

There are donor guidelines. A donor must be between 17 and 71 years of age, but cannot be a first time donor after the age of 60. General good health, a good breakfast, and weight of no less than 100 pounds are necessary for a person donating.

Here are some health restrictions for would-be donors:

— anyone with a cold, sore throat, cold sore, or the flu are recommended not to donate;

— anyone with diabetes should not donate unless on a diet control;

— anyone who is epileptic should not donate unless off medication for at least two years;

— anyone who has had infectious mononucleosis must wait six months after recovery before donating;

— anyone who has had minor surgery must wait three months;

— anyone on tetracycline for purposes other than treatment of acne should not donate;

— anyone who has taken accutane within the past five years should not donate;

— anyone who has smoked marijuana or drank alcohol is accepted unless impaired;

A 71-day waiting period exists between blood donations. Mrs. Potton has been donating since she was 18 years old. As a nurse, Mrs. Potton said she knew of surgery which often had to be cancelled because there was no blood available.

SHARING HEALTH

"These people (the students) are young and healthy. I feel the younger population has to share its health and wellness with people who aren't as fortunate," Mrs. Potton said.

"The students should start lining up at 9:45. Go with your friends," she urged. "These people have to have a good breakfast and they should bring a book or Walkman to relax" before donating, she said.

First-time donors, should be prepared to be tested for blood type, have personal information taken down, answer questions about their health, and receive a New Donor pin. The actual donating of blood takes about 10 minutes with a 10-minute rest period following the donation.

SWAP offers students job opportunities abroad

Students interested in visiting other countries should look into the Student Work Abroad Program run by the Canadian Federation of Students.

"We provide a program to help students work in other countries to give them that experience," Crystal Bially, SWAP spokesman, said.

In the recent career exhibition, at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre, Ms. Bially took the time to show students the many countries SWAP allows them to visit. Short term work experience is available, at varying times, in such places as England, Finland, France, Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

Ms. Bially, initially, became involved with the SWAP program when she joined it to visit England. "I loved my year in England and decided that I would like to work for this organization."

SWAP, in most cases, is open to both full and part-time students. Contact its Travel Cuts office in Toronto at 1-416-979-2406.

Editorials

Student Centre
Welcome retreat

By the spring of 1991, Niagara College students will finally have a place to play. After 25 years, the long awaited student centre will open its doors, providing the student body with a safe, if temporary, haven from the rigors of academic life.

Fulfilling a two-fold purpose, the centre will be a place where students can go to drink, to eat, to relax and to socialize with their friends and peers. It will symbolize the new administration's plan to combat the ever-present apathy, a step which will perpetuate greater school spirit.

The student centre, as yet unnamed, is exactly what the college needs. Students will be encouraged to meet under a more personal atmosphere than a pub, the library or the cafeteria. They may want to want to stay on campus during their free time. It will give Niagara College students a place to call their own.

Bravo to the people, faculty, administration and student council members who, through the years, have worked to make the student centre a reality. Their efforts will not be in vain.

Students, support the centre. It is for you.

David Rempel

Recycling efforts
Fall short of problem

At last, Niagara College jumped on the environmental bandwagon — and missed it. Two green recycle bins may be found outside the Student Administrative Council office. That's it!

The college has, once again, failed to take action on an ever-growing problem: pollution. The newly formed environmental committee plans to tackle the ecological issues plaguing the college. Nothing has been done.

What is college administration doing about recycling woes?

Daily, toxic chemicals are flushed down the drain; fine paper continues to pile up, waiting patiently for the recycling truck. Will two little blue boxes be placed in front of the SAC office in hopes of recycling 1,000 pounds of fine paper? What about the styrofoam cups and plates that circulate the cafeteria? Surely, a company such as Versa Foods realizes how harmful chlorofluorocarbons are to the environment.

The college seems to be taking regressive steps on a subject requiring progessive measures. Lets stop talking about it.

Results are the key to success. Even minor achievements can bring about subtle change.

Anything is better than nothing.

Helen Parkinson

Remembrance Day

Red poppies recall soldiers

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

In the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, two minutes of silence will blanket the country as Canadians remember the men and women who died in two world wars.

Some of the nations Canada had been fighting — Turkey, Austria-Hungary — signed separate agreements to stop fighting (armistices).

At 11 a.m., Nov. 11, 1918, an armistice was signed in a railway carriage in France. The agreement ended a four-year war.

The first two-minute silence was held one year after the armistice on Nov. 11, 1919. The custom of two minutes of silence was suggested by King George V of England.

The Armistice Day Act of 1921 proclaimed that Armistice Day and Thanksgiving Day would be observed on the same day — the Monday in the week in which Nov. 11 occurs. The day was called Thanksgiving Day.

In 1931, the Act was amended. Armistice Day became Remembrance Day and Thanksgiving day was marked in October.

TRADITIONS

The Last Post, played by military buglers at day's end, symbolizes death in Remembrance Day observances.

Reveille was played to signal the beginning of a new military day. On Remembrance Day, it is a reminder the memory of the dead lives on.

The symbol of the poppy was inspired by the poem, In Flanders Fields, by Lt.-Col. John McCrae in 1915.

Many of the fiercest fights took place in Flanders, Belgium, where each spring soldiers were greeted by fields of blood-red poppies.

Poppy replicas, distributed by the Canadian Legion, are made by disabled war veterans.

Remembrance Day is observed in most parts of the world. The names and dates differ, but the message remains the same — to remember those who died fighting for freedom.

A doggone fetching day

It is heads up and leaves down as Cassie plays hide and seek among the leaves. There is always time in a puppy's life to sample autumn's offerings.

Photo by Karen Gibson

Nursing students tour McMaster

For the first time, a group of nursing students from the Mack campus had the opportunity to visit McMaster University Medical Centre.

Nine third-year nursing students toured the facility Oct. 23, Sarah Biamonte, a pediatric nursing instructor at Mack, said.

McMaster is the referral centre for the Niagara area, so the students were anxious to see it. Recently, a child was sent from Greater Niagara General Hospital to McMaster, while the students were on duty. The McMaster visit allowed them to see where the child went, and the advance technology that makes McMaster better at treating sicker children.

The students toured various units including pediatric, neonatal, oncology, and the step-down. The latter is a transitional ward between intensive care and the regular pediatric unit.

"They (the students) were impressed it didn't look like a hospital," Miss Biamonte said.

McMaster Hospital is brightly lighted, Miss Biamonte said. The hallways are large and spacious. It is more like a hotel than a hospital.

A pediatrician and head nurse from McMaster gave a seminar at Greater Niagara on treatment of pain in children. They invited the staff to visit McMaster and observe treatment methods. The nursing students asked if they might tour the facilities as well, Miss Biamonte said.

The students viewed McMaster's computer system which allows nursing staff to get lab results almost immediately. A nursing unit manager discussed two approaches to medical care: the team oriented versus the physician directed.

"The student group was actually quite enthusiastic," Miss Biamonte said. "A few people are thinking about applying there."

Ooops

Incorrect information appeared in the Niagara News Vol. 21, No. 3, Oct. 26, 1990 regarding the first Niagara College-sponsored trip to Ottawa for about 41 co-op students. Students paid for their own transportation costs — not Niagara College, as was reported. Students who complete a work placement in Ottawa will be reimbursed for one return trip by car or bus. The Niagara News apologizes for any incovenience or confusion this error may have caused.

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Focus

Breath of life

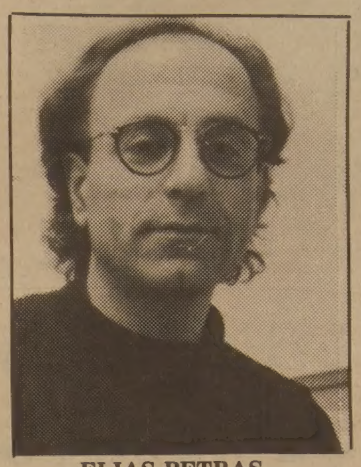
Instructor films transplant

A documentary film directed and produced by a Niagara College instructor, opened the door to the "no holds barred approach" to surgery. Transplant, The Breath of Life aired Nov. 1.

Elias Petras, an instructor of the film program, took a one-year leave to shoot the one-hour documentary on the personal and medical difficulties of terminally ill patients. It is a film he thought of four years ago and spent two years researching.

Mr. Petras said he wanted to show what it feels like to be a waiting lung transplant recipient, struggling to survive, knowing that he has only one hope. Mr. Petras wanted to give a sense of what it is like to be in the shoes of the surgeon, who has to make split-second decisions with someone else's life.

The film, shot at Toronto General Hospital, was funded and co-produced by the Ontario Centre of the National Film Board of Canada. The film centres on three patients and their families, each



ELIAS PETRAS

waiting and hoping for a donor.

Toronto General, recognized as the world's leading centre for lung transplants, performed the first successful lung transplant in 1983. Although the operation has passed from the realm of experimentation to accepted medical practice, lung recipients face formidable obstacles. Despite 70 per cent survival, there is a severe shortage of donor lungs.

The hospital performs more than a dozen transplants a year. People come from all over North America to wait for donors. Recipients must first apply and qualify; only a few are chosen each year.

The one-hour film was shot over five months. The most important segments were done in May and June 1989 after a donor had been found for one of the patients. Two film crews were used: one to record the preparation of the donor lung, the other to film the recipient's family and the operation. Once a donor is located, the donor's lung must be transplanted within five hours, making the film a hectic experience, Mr. Petras said.

"Having been so closely involved with those who are ill, I'd rather not make another film so personal," Mr. Petras said. "After all, variety is the spice of life."

The documentary has been sold to other countries and networks for airing in 1991.

Articulation pact aids new students

Niagara College and the Niagara South Board of Education have reached an articulation agreement to assist students entering the college.

Dennis Malone, director of English and Articulation at Niagara, worked in co-operation with Paul Fell of Niagara South, to reach the agreement. They hope to have the agreement implemented by February.

The agreement, reached last year, said the two organizations would agree to co-operate. Articulation is a program where staff at Niagara College advise individual schools in Niagara South on program improvements.

College instructors advise each school on what is lacking in programs and which courses match or need to be added to the curriculum. It would be up to the specific school to make the necessary changes.

Areas of concentration will be in developing better math and English skills, time management and problem solving.

Mr. Fell said he wants to make sure the program will ensure student qualifications in a limited enrolment environment. He wants students to succeed once they are in Niagara.

Mr. Fell said he does not want to see 50 to 60 per cent attrition rate of first year students grow.

To help identify specific areas of concern, each school in the region was surveyed.

"I hope that the articulation program takes place. We'll see how the students react when they get here. They won't be enrolling for at least another two to three years, so we'll have to wait and see how it works," said Mr. Malone.

Work term for Arsenio Hall will lead student to Hollywood

By JENNIFER BARTKIW
Staff Writer

Tim Lock may be working for Arsenio Hall next summer.

Tim, a third-year radio/tv broadcasting student, first heard about Mr. Hall's summer internment program for students on one of Mr. Hall's shows. Tim called Paramount Studios in Hollywood, said he was a college radio announcer from CRNC, a radio station in Canada, and that he misplaced Mr. Hall's fax number.

After getting Mr. Hall's number Tim faxed him a letter expressing his interest in the summer work program. Mr. Hall, impressed by Tim's ingenuity, responded later that day.

TIM LOCK

Backup

Tim will be meeting with the Arsenio Hall Show's writers and producers in January to discuss a four-month work term. If he isn't hired, Tim has a backup plan — working for the American Comedy Network in Conneticut where he would write parodies of famous songs, commercials and celebrities.

Tim, 21, has had the chance to interview and see some big name celebrities. He makes it no secret his connections, confident talk and persistence helped him get his foot in the door.

"The key to success is to have a lack of fear of rejection because a lot of people develop the attitude that I'm not going to ask that person for an interview because he/she will never do it. But the worst thing is that a person can say no," Tim said.

Tim is not afraid to ask anyone for an interview. This is apparent by the list of famous people with whom he has spoken: Keven Kane, singer from the Grapes of Wrath; Michelle McAdory and Jocelyne Lanois, singers from Crash Vegas; Dana Key, singer from Dagarmo and Key; Colin James, singer; Ken Shaw, co-host from CTV's Night Beat News and Matt Hayes, announcer from CHCH Newsroom 11.

Tim was the only radio reporter backstage at a press conference for Janet Jackson at the Sky Dome. By using CRNC, the college radio station, Tim has made himself known to the record companies and promotional agencies which do their best to schedule interviews for him with touring artists.

Host

Tim has been working as one of the hosts on a community-oriented TV show A Bit About, broadcast by CHCH TV.

"We do five shows a month which feature 30 five-minute segments on community events," Tim said.

He prefers to interview stars. "Every day you have to be positive and it is not all the glitz and glamor that it appears to be."

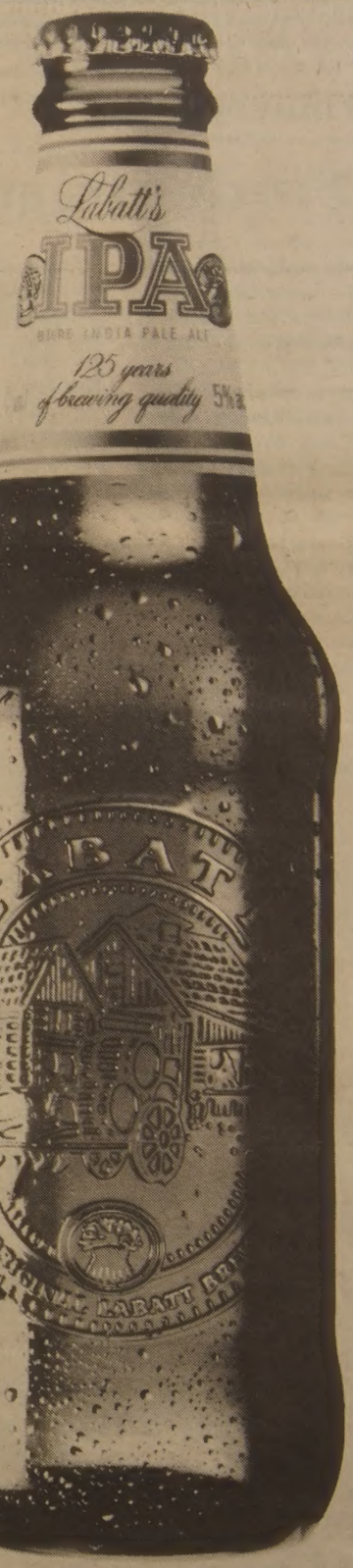
Tim said he doesn't think of interviewing people as a job because he enjoys what he does and still finds himself getting caught up in the excitement. If he continues to ask all the right questions, Tim may become the celebrity who is being interviewed.

Baby needs shoes for Christmas

Want to play Santa early? Anyone who has baby accessories is asked to bring them to the college to assist a family expecting their first baby in December.

Alexandra Fic, co-ordinator of general college programs is accepting baby clothes of any size, blankets, bottles, toys and furniture to help the couple manage with their financial expenses. " The man is a scholar who teaches Japanese at Brock University and has lived in Canada for the past several years. His wife came to Canada just a year ago," Mrs. Fic said.

Items may be dropped off at her office, S1105 A. For more information call ext. 762.



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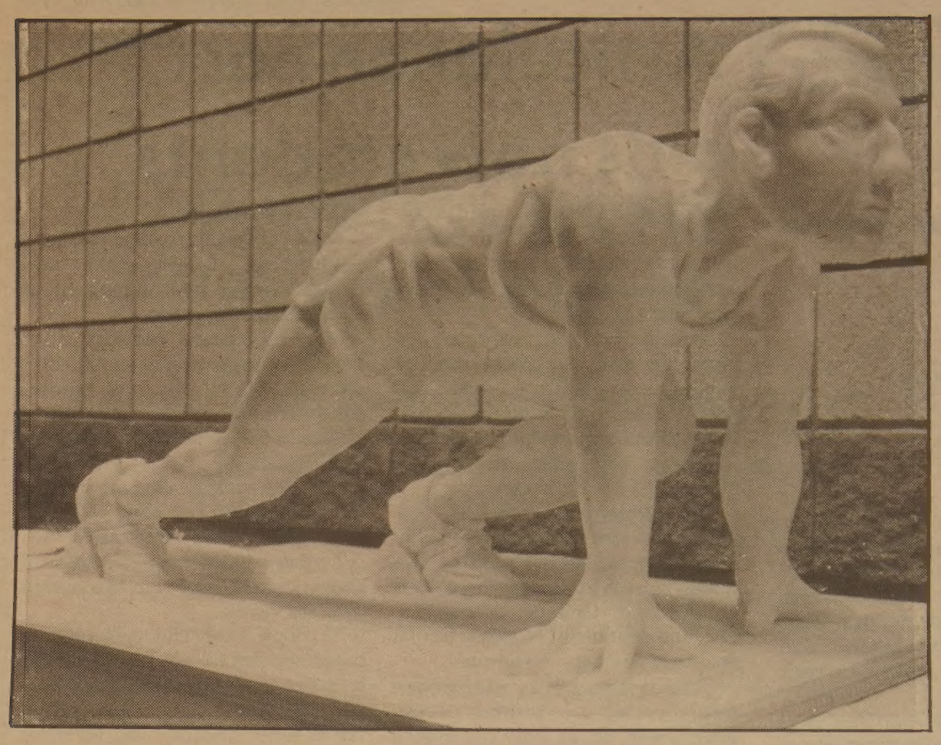

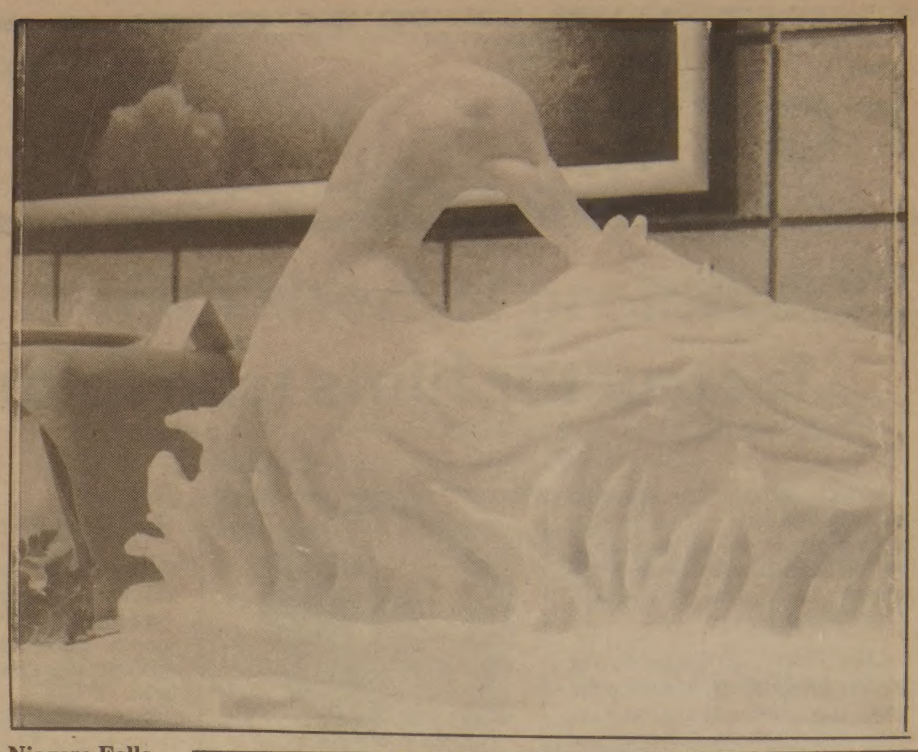

Cooking can be an art. From the graceful lines of a swimming goose, to the inherent drama of the runner, tallow sculpting is not bound by the imagination. Tallow is a mixture of bee's wax, beef fat and paraffin wax and is edible. Both sculptures were entrants in the Salon Culinare held at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls on Oct. 28. Niagara College was well represented by students in the Apprentice Cook Program and the Hotel and Restaurant Administration Program who were awarded medals. Two instructors were winners. Photo by Rich Douglas

Prize Winners

Students, staff win at show

Students and staff won medals at the recent Salon Culinare, a culinary art show at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls Oct. 28.

Ron Harvey, Kevin Harry, Mario Scozzafava, students in the Apprentice Cook Program won medals for their entries, as did Jeff Jackson, a third year Hotel and Restaurant Administration student. Chef Darrel Firby and Chef Stanley West, both instructors, were awarded medals.

The contest, organized by Chef David Gibson, an instructor at the school, focused on the presentation of the food rather than the food's flavor. The food was judged as to its presentation, difficulty level, composition, preparation and novelty.

Mr. Harvey was awarded a gold medal for his tallow carving of a Chinese dragon. Silver medals were awarded to Mr. Harry for his seafood terrine cold buffet platter and Mr. Sozzafava for his individual plated entrees. Mr. Jackson won a bronze medal for his galantine of turkey with cranberry sauce cold buffet platter.

GOLD MEDAL

Chef Firby won a gold medal for his wedding cake. The cake, which took 20 hours to prepare, included 1,200 decorative strings or lines of icing. "It takes a lot of planning," Chef Firby said. "I feel you almost have to be a bit of an artist to do this type of thing."

Chef West won a silver medal for his marzipan circus and a bronze medal for his marzipan rose basket. Marzipan is a mixture of egg whites, ground almonds and sugar formed into a paste. The multicolored paste is molded into the various shapes.

The three judges for the contest were described by Chef Gibson as "very high profile" people in the cooking world. They included Chef Guenter Gugelmeier, an international gold medal winner, from the Loews Westbury Hotel, Toronto.

REAL EXPERIENCE

"The competitors get their score sheets back because the judges put comments on them," Chef Gibson said. "It's a real educational experience."

Although the contestants already know whether they have won a medal or not, there are still prizes to be won. At a banquet on Nov. 12 at the Prince of Wales Hotel, those entrants with the highest scores will be awarded a selection of gifts which Chef Gibson has obtained from sponsors.

United Way sets $20,000 college goal

Niagara College will be jumping on the United Way bandwagon as the goal of $20,000 is expected to be reached within the next month.

"The goal is an ambitious one, it has never been done in the past," John Parrett, registrar and college campaign chairman, said.

The staff will be canvassed personally this year instead of the usual pay envelope contributions, he said.

One problem that has always faced the United Way campaign at the college is student participation. Students have always been a problem and are never actually involved, Mr. Parrett said.

The college raised $17,179 in 1986, $16,903 in 1987, $15,721 in 1988 and $14,110 in 1989. The reason last year's campaign was so short of its $18,000 goal was the faculty strike did not allow for the proper canvassing, he said.

Another problem that the campaign could face is a slow down in the economy, "but in my experience it will probably make people want to contribute."

"When the economy goes down people think about other people more."

The United Way helps a number of organizations in the Niagara Region such as Big Brothers and Sisters, the YWCA and YMCA, and St.John Ambulance. The money received from the campaign is given directly to these organizations.

In 1988 43 per cent of the employees at the college contributed to the campaign; with 50 per cent of the employees contributing this year the college will reach its goal, Mr. Parrett said.

A number of employees have been involved with the United Way for years. Eugene Maltais, a politics instructor, is the president of the Red Cross Society; Ivar Noren, the director of Applied Arts, is a past chairman; George Repar, director of planning, research and development, is a past chairman.

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Four-month term

Feds hire five students on co-op

Five co-op students have been hired by the federal government for a four-month work placement beginning in January. The hirings are a direct result of the Oct. 17-19 trip to Ottawa, sponsored by Niagara College, for 41 co-op students Eric Madsen, co-op counsellor, said.

The trips primary purpose was to familiarize students with Ottawa so they might consider relocating when co-op job opportunities arise, Mr. Madsen said.

"In the past, I could recruit employers but no students were available.... Last year I had nobody," he said.

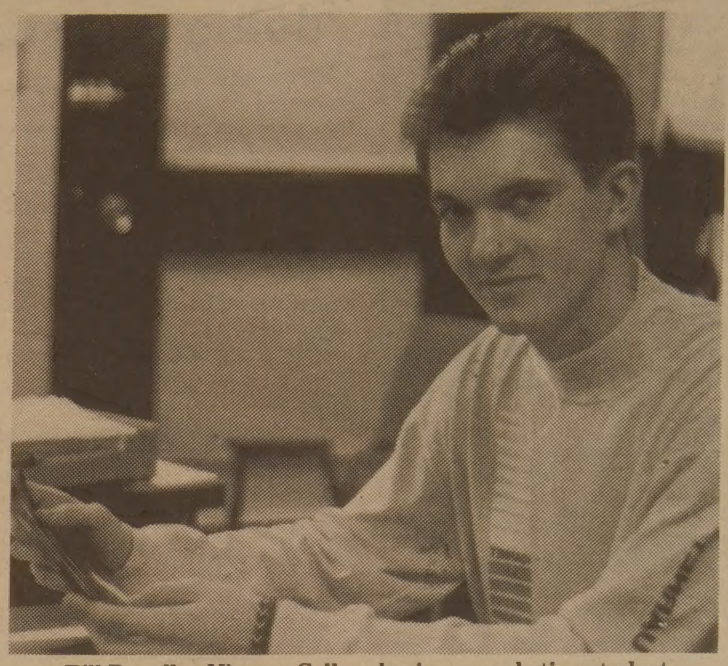
Seven of the 41 students obtained their own job interviews. Of these, four were hired for four-month work placements. One other student, unable to participate in the Ottawa trip, was hired on the strength of her resume, delivered to the federal government by a co-op counsellor.

Four students will work for the Department of Transport; one will work with Environment Canada in the Canada Parks Services division.

The five students are in their final co-op work term — three in the office administration program and two in the business accounting program.

All had indicated, on their evaluation forms, they would consider a co-op job in Ottawa.

"I didn't realize the opportunities that were there...I'm considering going to Ottawa," said Bill Powell, a participant in the Ottawa trip. Mr. Powell, a student in the business marketing program, handles finances for the Student Aministrative Council.



Bill Powell, a Niagara College business marketing student, views his pictures of a recent trip to Ottawa sponsored by Niagara College to encourage co-op students to re-locate when job opportunities arise there. Photo by Catherine Denison

Mr. Powell said he is considering the possibility of a marketing job with the federal government and is researching job opportunities in the Ottawa area's hospitality industry for his eight-month work placement, beginning in May.

"I loved the city: the bike trails, the canal.... It's so unlike Toronto. It's a big city but it's so relaxed.... The night life in Hull is great. It costs $1 for a beer," Mr. Powell said.

The 41 co-op students paid the cost of their bus transportation, accommodation, meals and expenses.

Niagara College will consider arranging annual trips to Ottawa for co-op students depending on the success of the work placements, Mr. Madsen said.

Office to help to get jobs

Youth Employment Services will offically open the Niagara Falls Community Employment Services Centre Dec.6.

The centre is located at 6255 Huggins St., in the Stamford Green Plaza. The opening ceremony will begin at 2:15 p.m. Anyone interested in attending should call Monique Armstrong at ext. 545 by Nov.23.

Marketing student achieves success

Successful people do those things which other people won't do, said Dave Smith, a 20 year old, third year, Niagara College co-op marketing management student, on an eight-month work placement at St. Catharines Business Machines since May 14.

Mr. Smith, an affable and meticulously groomed young man, learned this advice last summer attending a seminar by Panasonic on "How to Sell in a Recession."

"Salesmen tend to get lazy. To be successful, you must go out and get sales...and do the dirty work," he said.

That involves cold calling and telemarketing, he said. When cold calling, the salesman walks into a firm, drops off his business card, and finds out what type of equipment the employees use. It's basically an information gathering process. Telemarketing is used at a later date when the salesman phones the business and speaks to the person contacted in cold calling.

Mr. Smith described his co-op work placement at St. Catharines Business Machines as "a great education" that has included courses at IBM, seminars at Toshiba and Panasonic, and the opportunity to make valuable contacts.

"The hands-on experience gained here has been tremendous," he said.

Mr. Smith has been involved in all aspects of marketing: advertising, product positioning and marketing, and closing deals.

He has worked as a marketing support representative, training people in the use of the equipment purchased such as fax machines, photocopiers, and electronic typewriters.

"The reason why I did that was to give me a better understanding of the products we carry," he said.

Mr. Smith said full-time employment with St. Catharines Business Machines is a good possibility after he graduates in April. The position would involve working with another salesman in his territory.

"Co-op education is an excellent opportunity for students to get out there and get experience that is so vital for the future .... With co-op programs, you can put knowledge to use," he said.

While on his work placement, other sales representatives have acted as mentors, Mr. Smith said.

"I have had a great deal of support... If you make mistakes, they will not bark at you... They correct you... If I wasn't on co-op they would bark at me."

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Many changes in Broadcasting

The Broadcasting-Radio and Television program at Niagara College has seen many changes this year: the highest ever first-year enrolment, the temporary replacement of radio instructor Stu Black by Cliff Elford while Mr. Black is on a one-year sabbatical, and the use of BRTV graduates to help teachers deal with the larger class size.

First-year radio instructor Bob Johnston, a former program director at CKTB in St. Catharines, said part of the program's popularity stems from the number of options it offers those not sure of which medium they would like the best.

First-year students are introduced to film, television and radio. They choose which they would like to major in during their second and third years.

Mr. Johnston said radio continues to be a successful medium. Students graduating from the program can expect to do well in their careers.

Program co-ordinator Larry Taylor said BRTV has a record first-year class of 82, one of its largest third-year classes with 20 film, 12 TV and 11 radio students.

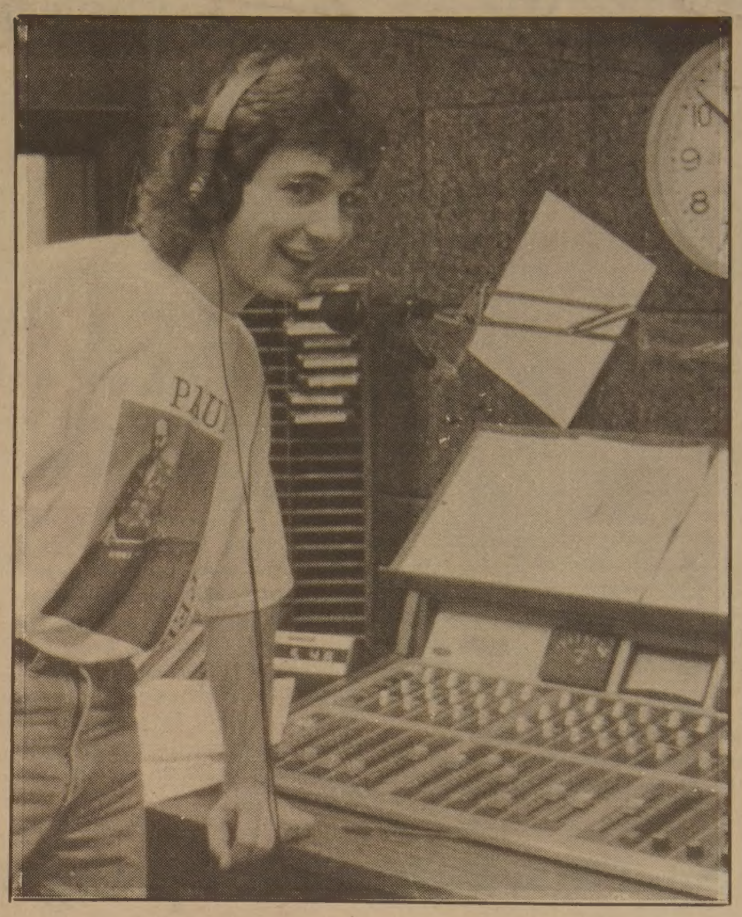
One of the ways to cope is to hire BRTV graduates on a part-time basis to assist teachers. Mr. Johnston said this helps teachers and graduates as well.

"One graduate helping us is planning to put himself through university, and another is getting some teaching experience as an assistant before she goes on to become a teacher," he said.

With 20 years experience in various media-related fields, including radio, advertising and freelance writing, Mr. Elford said filling in for Mr. Black was a chance for him to do something different — something he has grown to enjoy.

While Mr. Elford said he may pursue teaching after Mr. Black returns next year, his students have the rest of the school year to anticipate what may happen next.

"I still have a few tricks up my sleeve," he said.



Third-year radio broadcast student Bob Romeo mans the microphone at Niagara College radio station CRNC. He is one of 11 BRTV students who run the station's day-to-day operations as part of their training.

Photo by Robert A. Finlay

College plans GST seminar for St. Catharines Nov. 20

The proposed Goods and Services Tax will be discussed at a seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Niagara College's St. Catharines campus.

The seminar, sponsored by the college's contract department, will feature a guest speaker from Canada Customs and Excise who will address the tax's basic concepts, especially as it applies to business, customers and accounting.

The $25 seminar will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room 319 at the St. Catharines campus, 59 Welland Vale Rd., St. Catharines.

For more information, contact Peter Webb, Development Officer, Contract Department, Client Services at 735-2211, ext. 459.

Mack nursing awaiting good appraisal for 'doing something right'

How the Mack campus measures up against provincial ministry standards will be known Nov. 9.

Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said she expects a good appraisal by the College of Nurses. The Mack students placed fourth of 23 diploma nursing programs in the June registration exams.

"We must be doing something right," Miss Cunninghamn said.

Janice Legg, an educational consultant for the College of Nurses, will do the appraisal Nov. 7-9. She will visit students in the classrooms and in their clinical assignments. She will meet with the instructors and Miss Cunningham.

Ms. Legg will give the results — "a report card, if you will," — on Nov. 9, Miss Cunningham said.

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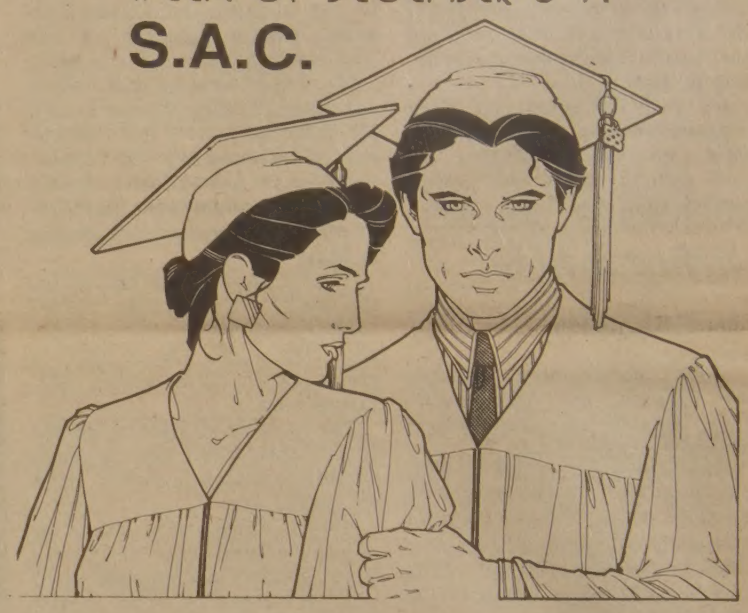

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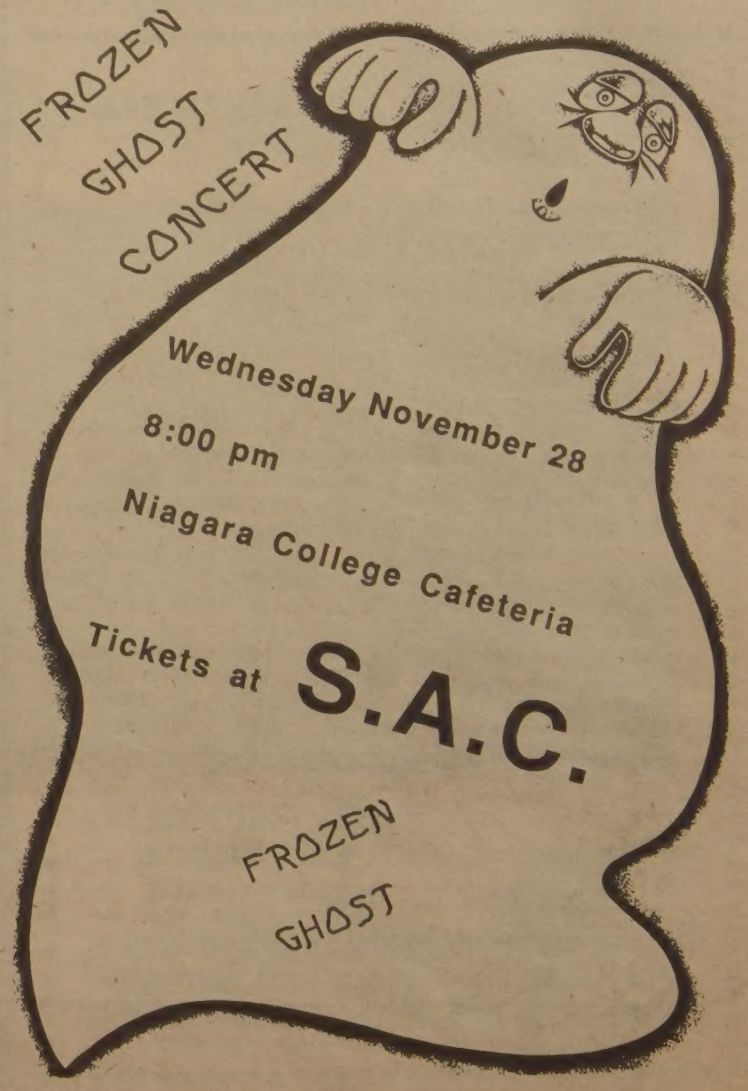

Unique name, unique jewelry budding business for students

By NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writer

EERZ-N-ODDZ sounds bizarre to the ear, but there is nothing strange about the budding jewellery operation.

Michelle Siewert, a first-year journalism student, said although she conceived the idea, she did not put her plan into motion until she talked it over with Julie Kuhnigk, her partner and a first-year marketing management student.

EERZ-N-ODDZ, Michelle and Julie's company, is a play on the word "ear" for which most of their jewellery is designed and "odds" which stands for the pendants and other pieces.

"I wanted her as a partner. She offered to do it," Michelle said.

"She's artsy and she has ideas. We make a good team," Julie said.

Julie, the older of the two, is more business-oriented after having invested in a small business while studying in Ottawa. The younger Michelle demonstrates a strong business acumen. Both women show ambition, outgoing personalities and raw talent.

It is these traits that allowed the partners to take the initial step and begin manufacturing costume jewellery.

The pieces are made from synthetic clay. Silver wire is the only metal used but the women create the appearance of gold and silver look with colored powder.

The entrepreneurs said no two pieces are alike. "Each piece is unique." The pendants, earrings and hairpieces — the women's specialty — are mainly custom-made.

"You have to be creative," Michelle said. This seems the most inspiring aspect since the duo said everything comes from their heads without the aid of drawings or molds. The pieces are baked in a conventional oven.

For them, ideas abound. Craft and art shows are of as much importance as are fashion magazines. People's daily wear counts for a wealth of ideas.

"In fact, we have become more like fashion consultants," Michelle said as Julie nodded in assent. "If someone has an odd color dress, we could find something to go with it."

Fashion Fair? First-year students and entrepreneurs Julie Kuhnigk, left and Michelle Siewert, right, display some of the jewelery pieces that have become the hallmark of EERZ-N-ODDZ.
Photo by Neville Lewis

Being determined, the women can only grow bigger in business. But being full-time may be a limiting factor. The partners spend between six and 15 hours per week and act as a source of inspiration to each other.

"We motivate one another. That's why we're good partners," Michelle said.

The task of getting the business started was like that of an architect poring over the blueprints to check the minutest detail. Tossing her blond locks, Julie said everything was written: "How we can make money and how we can go wrong."

They made a start with borrowed money and EERZ-N-ODDZ was launched last August. "I figured the low start-up cost and a high profit margin," Julie said.

"We don't have a middleman. We distribute and market on our own. Because of that we can offer low prices."

College students are buying their products but their merchandise is not for the conservative type of person, Michelle said. Youthfulness is key. She and Julie are looking to a possible European tour in the summer where they will feature their craft. Until then, their hopes are pinned on a warm Christmas market and some cold Canadian cash.

Worldwide response for three VP positions

More than 300 applications have been received for three vice-president positions.

"We have received applications from across North America and outside North America — from California, Florida, England, Alaska and the Yukon," John Saso, college president, said.

Appointees for the vice-president academic selection committee are Clara Casucci-McLeod, Donna Cunningham, Andy Ferguson, Marti Jurmain, Jack Sibbett, and Hans van der Slagt.

Appointees for the vice-president student life and human resources selection committee are Rosemary Cawthorn, Pat Clay, Joan Hastings-Dove, Gord McPherson, Bill Powell, George Rowbottom and Judy Ventresca.

NAMES COMMITTEE

The selection committee appointees for the vice-president of community ventures will be announced the week of Nov. 12.

Mr. Saso said he has received recommendations from the selection committees for internal candidates for vice-president of academics and for vice-president of student life and human resources.

SHORT LIST

The selection committees will interview external candidates and a short list will be recommended to Mr. Saso who hopes to announce the selected candidates by the end of November.

Mr. Saso said he hopes to have selected the vice-president of community ventures by Christmas.

Two new vice-president positions were created by a college reorganization initiated by Mr. Saso.

Vice-president of academics became vacant when Tony Knowles resigned to become president of Red River Community College in Winnipeg.

Al-Anon meets on campus

Beginning Nov. 9, Al-Anon meetings will be held at Welland Campus.

Al-Anon is a fellowship of men and women affected by someone else's problem drinking. These people are the families and friends of alcoholics and problem drinkers.

The one hour on-campus meetings will be held Fridays at 8:30 a.m. in S105B.

The Al-Anon program is anonymous; members' identities are never revealed outside the meeting room. Neither are conversations revealed.

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Explore jobs at stores

About 17 first-year retail management students from Niagara College spent this past week in co-op orientation and career exploration at Canadian Tire stores in the Niagara Peninsula.

Alex Hastie, general manager of the St. Catharines Glendale Avenue Store, and Bill Percival, the Fort Erie store's owner, met the students on Oct. 31 here. They addressed questions and concerns, and outlined the nature of the work placements.

Students were placed at Canadian Tire stores in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and Port Colborne.

"The expecation is that you're going to walk out of here and be a manager," said Mr. Hastie, who sits on the advisory committee for the Retail Management Program.

In reality, it is likely students will work their way up the career ladder, starting as clerks, he said.

"No one's ever done anything in the store that we haven't done.... I've washed windows....I've washed a floor," Mr. Hastie said.

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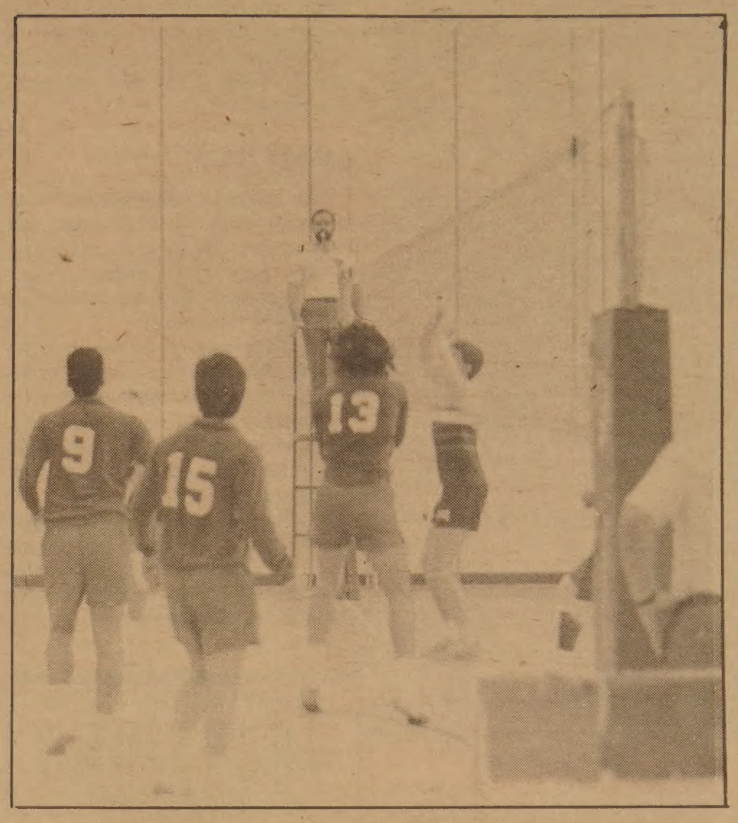

A Niagara Knight player gets ready to block a shot by a player from George Brown College. The Knights lost six of nine games last weekend, during a tournament here at the college.

Photo by Dave Johnson

Mental errors cost tournament victories

The Niagara Knights volleyball team lost six of nine games this past weekend.

"The team made a lot of mental errors," Ray Sarkis, team coach, said. "They didn't work hard enough to win."

The Knights played against Seneca College, George Brown College and Redeemer College, in a nine-game tournament. The team plays in Division Two, where there are 11 teams.

In Division Two, teams play tournaments only; in Division One, teams play on a one-to-one basis. Tournament play is less expensive, the players are more committed and not much school is missed.

"Our team is very committed to playing," said Coach Sarkis. "However, this weekend the team didn't work hard enough to win. The guys were very inconsistent and lacked motivation."

Coach Sarkis said he believes the team has a lot of potential. "We have the size and power to beat most of the teams in our pool. The team just has to concentrate more and put full effort into the game."

Outstanding players this past weekend were Vahid Amini on defence and Mark Lindsay, offence.

The Knights travel to Redeemer College this weekend to face seven teams in Division Two.

Hockey Knights lose opener

The Niagara Knight hockey team lost 5-1 to Conestoga College in the first regular season game last week.

Playing at home, the Knights led their opponents 43 to 34 in goal attempts but two early goals put the visitors ahead. The home team came into contention when Jeff Mazi, assisted by goalie John Bacik, scored the only goal with one second remaining in the first period.

Conestoga improved their first period 2-1 lead by netting a goal in the second period and adding two more in the third.

The Knights, the defending International Collegiate Hockey League champions, must win their next game to stay within reach of repeating last year's feat. When they meet this year's top rated Penn State on Saturday, Coach Fred Bassi hopes to have put last week's woes behind him.

"It didn't have any life in it," he said. "We weren't aggressive enough. My goal scorers should have scored when they got an opportunity to."

He said this may have been due to the team being over-confident.

"If you don't take the man out, you don't win: that's the bottom line," he said in reference to several exhibition game penalties.

The Knights are a team in transition. Several of last year's ace players are gone and the opposition has improved. Two other teams — Erie Community College and Connestoga — are contenders. Coach Bassi said, this year's squad, though not as good as last year's team, "his best in 20 years," is strong enough to repeat the championship.

"If I was ignorant to the game, I would say it (last week's game) was just a bad game. I see us playing better in the future."

Intramural touchfootball champions Falcons, are led by quarterback Darren Sawyer, back row, centre; flanked by Jay Fleming, far left; Rob Schutz, left; Greg Keldson, far right; Craig Bionoco, right. Front row, from left: Gordon Orcutt, Ron Bonaldo and Lee Mooney.

Photo by Neville Lewis

Falcons beat Staff on wet, soggy field

A strong Falcons team trudged over a wet field to defeat Staff in intramural touch football finals last Thursday.

The match remained even for most of the game with neither team able to draw away from the other. But towards the end of the game, Falcons' Greg Keldson made a break away, outdistanced the Staff defenders and scored the day's only touchdown. At the end, it was Falcons 7 and Staff 0.

The match-up has been put off for a week since the defending champions Staff could not field a full team. Instead of suffering a loss by default, the Staff team led by quarterback and athletics director Peter Rylander were allowed to play.

Darren Sawyer, quarterback of the undefeated Falcons, said he played against the Staff in last year's decisive game. "I went back after them with vengeance."

Organizes Xmas fund

Niagara College's Continuing Education department has organized a Children's Christmas Fund to help needy children.

The committee, headed by Shirley Tomovic and Darcy Ewanchuk, needs donations of food, toys and mittens. A Canadian Tire money collection box has been placed at H-21A office to receive donations. The money collected will buy toys as Christmas presents.

A Loonie Lottery for a 50/50 draw has begun. To enter, simply print your name on a Loonie Lottery form, add a loonie (or $1 bill) and drop them into a glass jar, also at H-21A.

A name will be pulled every Thursday afternoon. Half the funds will go to the person's whose name was drawn. The remainder will go into a Christmas fund back account to buy food and gifts.

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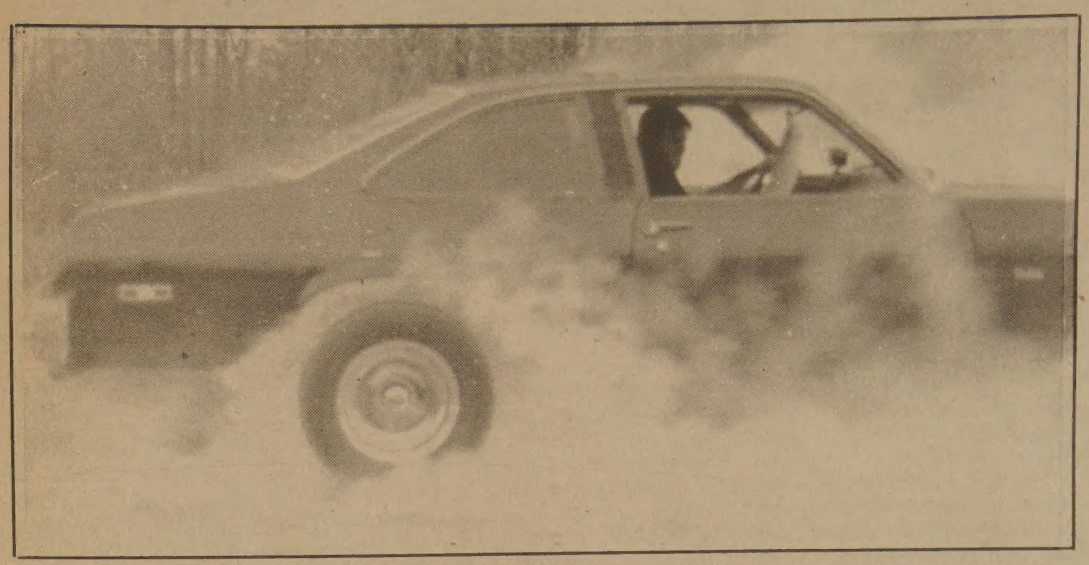

'Sean Smith' prepares his car for racing. He does a burnout to warm up his tires and to see how his new engine performs. 'Sean' is just one of the many drivers in the Niagara Region who dares to race his car, illegally.

Photo by Dave Johnson

Racing thrill challenges authority, outweighs legal ramifications

By DAVE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Editor's note: The name in this story has been changed to protect the individual's identity.

We have probably all done this at one point in our lives. We pull up to a stoplight and see a car beside us. We start to fantasize that our family car can beat that Corvette. A glance at over at the other driver, who is looking at us. We rev our engines. He does the same.

When the light goes green, we take off and all that's seen are the taillights of the 'Vette rapidly pulling away. We feel humiliated and rationalize to our passenger about how we only have a family car and if we had a real car, we would've beaten the 'Vette.

Some drivers take the humiliation personally and begin the quest for a car that will 'beat all others.' Drivers are bitten by the racing bug.

ON SUNDAYS

Late on Sunday nights, from mid-April to mid-September, die-hard car fans can be found on deserted Niagara Region side roads. These fans are watching fellow car enthusiasts illegally race.

The races determine who has the fastest car. Those who brag the loudest about their car, and how fast it goes, can put it to the test. It's either put up or shut up, when it comes to the races.

Sean Smith just put a brand new engine in his 1975 Pontiac Ventura."I put the engine in because I want to race next summer. I want to see what it will do."

Sean is not alone in his feelings. Racers spend a lot of time, and money, in pursuit of having the fastest car. It's not just a hobby for some. It's an obsession.

OLD AND NEW

Old and new cars can be found at the races. One driver has a 1989 5.0 litre Mustang LX that he races. His Mustang is no longer a stock factory car. He has changed the exhaust system, and worked on the engine, all in quest for more horsepower and a few seconds more speed for the quarter-mile race.

Sean invested approximately $3,000 in this quest for more horsepower and speed. He bought a small block 350 engine, and had it bored out to increase the size in cubic inches. Sean also installed a 600 Holley carburettor, with an Edlebrock intake, to increase the gas flow. He installed a B&M Megashifter to help with the shifting.

With all the money he has put into the car, he estimates that the engine produces about 325 hp. Next year he plans to install a new rear-end and do additional work. He wants to race his car at Cayuga's Dragway Park and check his quarter-mile time. He also wants to race on the road if challenged.

AT STAKE

Other racers concur. They would race if challenged. At stake is personal honor and that of their car.

None of these racers said they feel any remorse about breaking the law. Most feel that it's okay as long as no one is hurt. There have been instances where one driver will hit another's car and nothing will be reported. One story, unconfirmed, was that an irate farmer shot the front-end of a racer's car.

Racers use elaborate methods to elude the police. They will report false racing locations to draw police away from the scene. They use police scanners to listen in, and radar detectors to check police locations. Often scout cars will be used to scout locations ahead of time.

The drivers today race individually against the clock; the one with the best time wins. Side-by-side races are dangerous. Police charge both drivers when caught. With only one driver on the road there is less risk.

While racing is illegal there is a thrill to it. Racers say they get a high. There is something in the human nature which drives us to speed, to challenge authority and to satisfy our basic desire to triumph over our fellow man.

Hurting Units champions

Hurting Units defeated Wax last Thursday afternoon to take the 1990 intramural co-ed volleyball champions title.

For the five-woman-three-man team, it was no easy walk-over in the game played in the college gym. Wax was determined not to go out without a fight. The Hurting Units played tough but Wax fought back and tied the game at 15.

As play continued, the pressure on both teams to win increased. The Units won 17-15.

Illegal racing poses problem for police

By DAVE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The dwindling days of summer and warm weather signal season's end. It also signals the end of another year of illegal car racing in the Niagara Region, concentrated in Niagara Falls.

According to Const. K. Askeland of the Niagara Regional Police Force traffic investigation unit, illegal racing has existed for the past 30 years. "The problem is not as bad as it was two years ago," he said.

Racers lost their meeting place when, Katz, a Niagara Falls restaurant which sponsored car shows every week, closed in 1988. This has an immediate impact. The races became less organized.

This racing season runs from mid-April to mid-September. Depending on the weather the usual site is on some dark, deserted back road on a Sunday night. The races start as soon as the roads are clear. They can run from midnight to 5 a.m.

MORE ORGANIZED

Const. Askeland said the racers today are forced to co-operate with each other and have become more organized. It is the organization skills of these racers that cause the police trouble.

"There have been a few instances where the racers have called in false locations," Const. Askeland said. "They will even go as far as to send a few cars out there to keep us busy." He said police will not always go out to check the locations. It's not worth the effort or manpower for them to chase after every false lead.

Racers use police scanners and radar detectors to keep aware of police locations. They use CB radios to contact each other.

"These guys (the racers) are so organized, I can't understand why they don't try to get a track built around here," Const. Askeland said. "It would show that there is an interest for racing in this area."

Const. Askeland, an avid race fan himself, would like to see a track built in the Niagara Region. His major concern is for the safety of those who watch the races.

"Someone is going to get hurt out there. The roads are dark and not all the drivers pay attention to those on the roadside. The racers are playing with fire. Someone will be hurt."

SOME ACCIDENTS

Despite there being no reported cases of anyone being hurt, there have been accidents before and after the races. The accidents happen usually in the city, to those trying to make it to the races.

The Ontario Provincial Police, Niagara Parks Police and the Regional Police co-operate in trying to stop the races. The police use different techniques to catch the racers in action. In marked cars, they patrol the known racing roads. They may sit at the roadside for several hours to discourage racing. Unmarked cars and on-duty officers in plain cars are used.

Road blocks enable police to check every car driver and occupant for drinking. On-the-spot safety inspections, with fines for violations are conducted.

Section 148 (1) of the Highway Traffic Act, states, "No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway in a race or on a bet or wager." Subsection 2 states, "A fine of not less than $100 and not more than $500, will be paid." It states that a term of imprisonment "of not more than six months or both a fine and imprisonment," may be given. A suspension, of not more than two years, can be imposed on a driver.

Despite the heavy fines and possible loss of life, people continue to race. "I'd like to see the racers get a track," Const. Askeland said. "There is a fascination with racing, but the drivers are taking a chance on the road."

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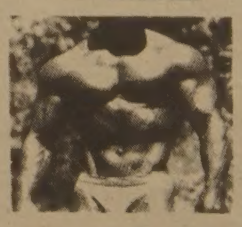

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"Mid-term Madness" shows fashion arts students trying to keep abreast of a "crazy" sale as the fashion Club boutique gets a new look.

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New format for shop leads to Toronto trip

A field trip to Toronto is more than just an education for fashion arts students; it's the shopping spree of a lifetime.

The opportunity to visit one of Toronto's biggest ad agencies, Padulo & Associates, as well as a visit to Bretton's department store for a tour and visual merchandising presentation, would normally be enough. Not for the second-year fashion arts students. They're also going shopping.

Second-year students will be purchasing items for the Fashion Club Boutique, which underwent major changes to a unisex format this week. Students said the boutique was stagnant having undergone no major change in the last 10 years. "We're sort of bored," they said.

The revamped Boutique will reopen today. Between $1,400-$1,500 was spent to replace articles cleared in an "everything must go" sale, called "Mid-term Madness", held in the Tecumseh Foyer, Wednesday.

"We're trying to get the old stock out, breathe new life into the store because it is dying badly," Kim Lane, a second-year fashion arts student, said.

The boutique is self-supporting. Sales revenues have been used to purchase the new fashions.

This boutique's new look will feature men's apparel for the first time: More accessories and "trendy stuff" will be available. The natural way — leather,metal and wood — will be accessories theme.

Psychedelic colors will definitely be in and quality may be had at prices affordable to all, Kim Lane said.

Classified

FOUND Lady's prescription glasses. Pink/blue shaded lenses in blue corduroy case, found on sidewalk in front of Hennepin Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 31. See registrar's office (Carol Desrochers) or call extention 554.

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Thanks graduate

On behalf of the Welland Branch of The Canadian Red Cross Society, I wish to express appreciation to Francie Power, a recent graduate of the Fashion Arts program at Niagara College and freelance display artist, for mounting a display of knitted goods for the Creations program at our branch office.

The Creations program has a large group of volunteers in the Welland-Pelham area knitting adults' and children's clothes which are sold to the public. The funds raised go half to Red Cross International Development and half to the local branch. It was this collection of knitted goods that Francie undertook to organize. The display has already been used as a back-drop for pictures in the local press, promoting a Creations sale to be held in the Seaway Mall on November 15 and 16.

It may be viewed at the Red Cross branch office at 593 King St., Welland, 1-4 p.m., weekdays. Creations goods may be purchased at the branch office.

Many thanks, Francie, for sharing your time and your obvious talent.

Sincerely,
Eugene L. Maltais
Branch President
The Canadian Red Cross

Doctor trades Tropics for college patients

Although the Bahamas has sun and sand compared to the chilly weather at Niagara College, the warmth Dr. Joanne Deveaux, college physician, receives from her patients here compensates.

Dr. Deveaux, 32, graduated in 1983 from Memorial University, in St. John's, Nfld., and practised in the Bahamas for two years. Leprosy, AIDS and tuberculosis were common tropical climate ailments much different from the administration of flu shots, birth control, and cold prescriptions at the college.

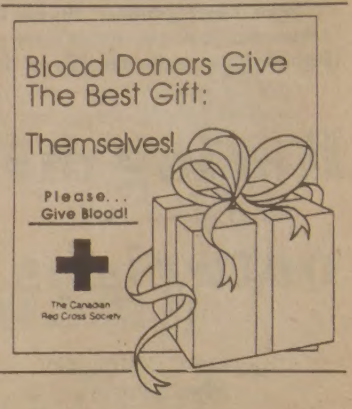
Returning to Canada in 1986 she began working at the college. Fiscal restraints cancelled her services for 1988-89 terms, but she returned the following year.

Medicine and her three boys, six years, three years and six months, keeps Dr. Deveaux, a Welland resident, very busy. She enjoys a varied practice, and occasionally works the emergency rooms in Welland and Port Colborne hospitals.

Not much time is left over for hobbies, but the petite doctor catches the occasional Sabres hockey game with her husband. She spoke enthusiastically about her thre-year-old's participation in gymnastics, describing how cute the children look as they do tumbling.

DR. JOANNE DEVEAUX

Dr. Deveaux is available at Health Services, Lundy 20, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon.



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